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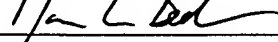
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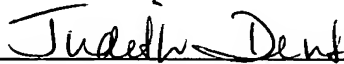
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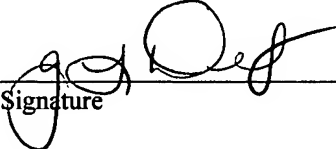
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COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATION(S)

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Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
07/011842 4,821,034	February 6, 1987	130.003US1	DIGITAL EXCHANGE SWITCH ELEMENT AND NETWORK
09/386109 6,597,691	August 30, 1999	130.038US1	HIGH PERFORMANCE SWITCHING
10/623793	July 21, 2003	130.038US2	HIGH PERFORMANCE SWITCHING
09/346793 6,697,359	July 2, 1999	130.045US1	HIGH PERFORMANCE SWITCH FABRIC ELEMENT AND SWITCH SYSTEMS
10/166570	June 10, 2002	130.053US1	FIBRE CHANNEL CREDIT EXTENDER AND REPEATER
10/310653	December 5, 2002	130.055US1	HARDWARE-ENFORCED LOOP-LEVEL HARD ZONING FOR FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCH FABRIC

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicant with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

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The present application is either a U.S. national patent application filed after June 30, 2003 or an international application that entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003. Thus, Applicant believes that the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication. The waiver is provided in a pre-OG notice from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" and dated July 11, 2003. Applicant acknowledges the requirement to submit copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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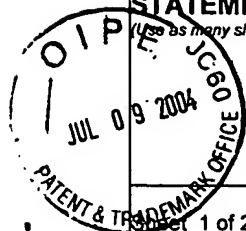
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